

**Town of Arlington  
Transportation Advisory Committee**

Minutes of 5/13/09, 7:15 pm to 10:00 pm, Town Hall Annex, Second Floor Conf. Room.  
Minutes submitted by Laura Wiener.

**Members and Associates Present:** Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Robert Lake, John Lentz, Jeff Maxtutis, Mike Rademacher, Corey Rateau, Ed Starr, Laura Wiener

1. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
2. Administration.  
Meeting minutes of 4/15/09 corrected to include Jean Clark, then approved unanimously as amended.  
Correspondence and other handouts were reviewed.
3. Update: Mass. Corridor. There have been 2 more public meetings, one at Hardy School and one with the businesses. The Review Committee is being expanded. Ed reported that he has done some observations of Mass. Ave. toward Alewife during the morning commute and reports that he observes a problem with storage of vehicles due to the light cycle at Alewife, more than a traffic capacity problem.
4. Capitol Square Parking Utilization. Working with the Commercial Development Plan consultants, Andy Hill of Walker Parking Consultants, looking at parking in East Arlington. There does appear to be a parking problem at certain times, when the number of parked cars exceeds the number of legal spaces. Town is awaiting recommendations from consultant.
5. Safe Routes to Schools at Dallin. Jeff reported that we received new recommendations from Bill Schwartz, Planners Collaborative. He met with Dallin School reps to review. One suggestion is to move the sidewalk on Renfrew St, and possible narrowing of Florence Street in front of school with elimination of parking on Florence in that location. The Principal is contacting the neighbors for their input. Alternative is to build a new sidewalk on Florence between Waverley and Wachusett on the south side. He hopes they will be ready to move on this in the summer.
6. Funding for Downing Square and School Sidewalks. Mike reported that there is approximately \$100,000 in funds for curbs and sidewalks. It was felt that the first priority should be the sidewalks around Stratton, particularly Mountain Road between Dickson and Wheeler. Downing Square will cost about \$200,000 for construction, and \$50,000 to \$80,000 for design, which is too small to warrant going after State funds through TIP or ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act).
7. Park Ave. and Paul Revere Road. Mike drew a preliminary plan showing ways to make the intersection work a little better. Corey will gather crash data for last 3 years, and Jeff will get counts from Accucounts. More discussion to follow.
8. Schools.
  - a. Brackett. Study group is forming. First meeting not yet scheduled
  - b. Stratton. Meeting scheduled to address parent drop off volunteers
  - c. Bishop. School zone signs on Columbia Road should stay for enforcement and safety reasons.
9. Downing Square. No progress to report. Elisabeth is preparing a report for Selectmen.
10. Mass. Ave./Lowell St. Concept sketch presented by Elisabeth. Concept includes tightening up the intersection to make turn a deliberate right. Short-term improvements include crosswalk signage. Corey will gather traffic and crash data.
11. Westminster. Elisabeth resubmitted written project status. Improvements to the curved section of the road (sidewalk, curbing and roadway markers) were deemed to be the

- highest priority. Elisabeth, Jeff and Mike will meet with abutters to work out the details of improvements to the curve.
12. Forest St. Public meeting held to show current plan. Some residents are upset with the loss of shoulder parking. DPW to draft alternate plan with pockets of shoulder parking. Overnight parking will still require a permit for the Selectmen.
  13. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Handouts:

Ed's Meeting Package: Agenda, 5/13/09; Letter from Selectmen re. Proposed On-street Parking Changes near the Peirce School, dated April 22, 2009; "Peirce School Neighborhood Parking Recommendations"; Active/Planned TAC Projects and Working Groups, dated 5/13/09; Status of Outstanding Actions, 5/13/09; Email from Jennifer Griffith re. Mass. Ave Redesign project, dated May 13, 2009; "Observations of Morning Queues on Mass. Ave. from Rt. 16 Intersection", Ed Starr and John Lentz, dated 5/10/09. Minutes of 4/15/09  
Conceptual Drawing of Paul Revere Road, Park Ave. and Wollaston St.  
"Mass. Ave./Lowell St." concept drawing